

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SAN DIEGO REGION**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC HEARING**  
**FOR**  
**BASIN PLAN TRIENNIAL REVIEW**

**PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

May 26, 2004 10:00 a.m.  
Regional Board Hearing Room  
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100  
San Diego California 92123-4340

**PUBLIC HEARING**

June 9, 2004 9:00 a.m.  
Regional Board Hearing Room  
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100  
San Diego California 92123-4340

**PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board) will conduct a public workshop to present a technical report and tentative resolution adopting the 2004 Basin Plan Triennial Review. The technical report contains a listing of proposed Basin Plan water quality issues that may be investigated and addressed through Basin Plan amendments over the next three years. The purpose of the public workshop is to provide an overview of the Regional Board's technical report and tentative resolution, answer questions, and receive comments from the public. Two or more Regional Board members may attend this meeting. However, no voting will occur. The 2004 Basin Plan Triennial Review Public Workshop will be held as follows:

Date: May 26, 2004

Time: 10:00a.m.

Location: Regional Board Office – Board Hearing Room  
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100  
San Diego, CA 92123-4340

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The Regional Board will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a 2004 Basin Plan Triennial Review Tentative Resolution, on June 9, 2004. The public hearing will be held as follows:

Date: June 9, 2004

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Regional Board Office – Board Hearing Room  
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100  
San Diego, California 92123-4340

**LEGAL BASIS FOR ACTION**

California Water Code sections 13143 and 13240 require that state policy for water quality control and water quality control plans (Basin Plans) be reviewed periodically. Federal law, Clean Water Act section 303(c)(1) requires that a state's water quality standards be reviewed every three years, i.e., triennially. This review is a formal action requiring a Regional Board resolution adopting the triennial review.

**BACKGROUND**

The Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Basin (Basin Plan) designates beneficial uses for water bodies in the San Diego Region, and establishes water quality objectives and implementation plans to protect those beneficial uses. Both state and federal laws mandate the periodic review and update of Basin Plans. The periodic review is conducted approximately every three years and is referred to as the

“Triennial Review.” The primary purpose of the Triennial Review is to review the appropriateness of the Basin Plan water quality standards (i.e., water quality objectives and beneficial uses). During the Triennial Review process public comment is considered on what Basin Plan water quality issues the Board should investigate over the next three years. The Regional Board develops and adopts a prioritized list of Basin Plan issues that may be investigated by the Board over the next three years. The inclusion of an issue on the prioritized Triennial Review list of issues does not necessarily mean that any amendment will be made to the Basin Plan.

**KEY ISSUES**

Initial written comments from the public were accepted during a period from January 31, 2003 to March 14, 2003. The Regional Board also conducted a public workshop on March 3, 2003. During the workshop and comment period the public had the opportunity to comment on the Triennial Review process, the Basin Plan, and recommend Basin Plan issues for investigation. Following a detailed review of all issues submitted the Regional Board developed a technical report and tentative resolution describing a prioritized list of Basin Plan water quality issues. The technical report includes a brief description of each issue; estimates of the time and staff resources needed to investigate the issue and to prepare a basin plan amendment; a generalized ranking of the issues by priority; and identifies those issues on the list that would require additional funding (including the amount of extra funds required).

**AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS**

The 2004 Basin Plan Triennial Review Tentative Resolution, technical report, and supporting documents, will be available at the Regional Board office, at the above address, on weekdays during business hours beginning no later than Monday, May 10, 2004. These documents can also be accessed through the Internet at the Regional Board web site [www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9) beginning no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2004. Documents are available 30 days prior to the Public Hearing.

**WRITTEN COMMENTS**

Submittal of written comments on the 2004 Basin Plan Triennial Review is encouraged. **Written comments are due no later than Wednesday, June 9, 2004 at the close of the Regional Board's public hearing.** Submittal of written comments prior to June 9 is optional. Comments submitted prior to June 2 at 5 p.m. will be provided to the Regional Board members in advance of the public hearing. Written

comments should be submitted to: Ms. Jody Ebsen,  
Engineering Geologist, California Regional Water Quality  
Control Board, San Diego Region, 9174 Sky Park Court, Ste.  
100, San Diego, CA 92123-4340.

Ms. Jody Ebsen at (858) 636-3146.

Thank you for your interest in the Basin Plan and the  
protection of water quality.



**John H. Robertus**  
**Executive Officer**

April 16, 2004

## **HEARING AND ADOPTION PROCEDURES**

The 2004 Basin Plan Triennial Review will be adopted pursuant to a two Regional Board meeting process. At the first meeting on Wednesday, June 9, 2004, the Regional Board will conduct a public hearing and receive testimony pertaining to the 2004 Basin Plan Triennial Review Tentative Resolution, technical report, and supporting documents. The Regional Board will accept comments and testimony relevant to the tentative resolution both orally and in writing. Time limitations on oral presentations may be imposed. Oral testimony should be summarized to the degree possible. Groups are encouraged to designate a spokesperson. All exhibits, including charts, graphs, and other material presented, as evidence must be left with the Regional Board because they become part of the administrative record.

At the end of the June 9, 2004 public hearing, staff will recommend that the Regional Board close the public hearing and the public review and comment period. Following the public hearing, written responses to all public comments received will be prepared. The tentative resolution may be revised to reflect public comment and Regional Board direction. At the second Regional Board meeting on Wednesday, August 11, 2004, the Regional Board will deliberate and consider adoption of the revised 2004 Basin Plan Triennial Review Tentative Resolution.

Additional or alternative Basin Plan issues consistent with the general purpose of the 2004 Basin Plan Triennial Review Tentative Resolution and complementary to the specific prioritized list of Basin Plan issues attached to the resolution, are under consideration, or may be developed at the hearing as a logical outgrowth of the testimony (i.e., allows changes to be made at the hearing).

## **INFORMATION**

Parking is available at the workshop and hearing location. See the Regional Board web site for a map to the workshop and hearing location. The workshop and hearing room facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Lori Costa at (858) 467-2357 at least 5 working days prior to the May 26, 2004 workshop or the June 9, 2004 hearing. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to either Ms. Laurie Walsh or Ms. Jody Ebsen at:

**Email:** tri\_review@rb9.swrcb.ca.gov.

**Telephone:** Ms. Laurie Walsh at (858) 467-2970 or